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**PREHISTORIC MAN IN KENT.**

A number of skeletons of man of an early race of inhabitants of Britain were recently discovered during the course of excavations which are being carried out by the Broadstairs Archaeological Society in the grounds of Valetta House, Broadstairs. The bones were sent to London, and have been examined by Mr. F. G. Parsons, Lecturer on Anatomy at St. Thomas' Hospital, who has furnished the following description of this interesting find:—  
"The skeletons in question were found buried round a circular trench some 20ft. or 30ft. in diameter. Some were on the outer, some on the inner side of the trench. They were buried with their legs and arms flexed, and with one exception were laid upon the right side. Nothing except one piece of black pottery and some doubtful flint flakes was found with them. Miss Bairstow, who owns the property, kindly allowed me to remove the bones for careful examination, and they are to be placed in the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons for the use of those interested in them.  
Several Saxons were found buried more superficially over the circle, a fact which shows that the skeletons in question belonged to some earlier race. (Saxons are always buried on their backs with their heads propped up.) I cannot at present, indeed, I may never be able to, say definitely to what race these bones belonged, since the absence of all furniture in the graves is a serious handicap. From the superficial examination of their bones and skulls, I believe that they were all males and probably belonged to the Bronze Age people, of whom so little is known. One point of some little interest which has already come out is that they were a "squinting race," like many present-day Asiatics. This is shown by the characteristic facts on their bones in front of the ankle joint."

Five columns of the *Rampant Gazette* of the 13th inst. are devoted to a list of Coronation Dishes. The list is remarkable in several ways; almost every phase of activity in the country, official and non-official, has received attention from His Majesty. The number of knights in one order or another is without precedent in the history of Indian honours and the lesser distinctions are also of unusual length and unusually widespread.

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AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL  
MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE  
CLUB will be held on WEDNES-  
DAY, the 10th January, 1912, in the  
Office of the Jockey Club, No. 3, Charter  
Road, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of  
considering the Extraordinary General Meet-  
ing of Members held on Saturday, the 23rd  
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That the words "Kiangwan Race Club"  
(Shanghai) be added to Rule 1 Part  
1 of the Rules of Racing.  
By Order,  
T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, December 28, 1911. 1688

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## NOTICE.

THE dates of the ANNUAL RACE  
MEETING originally fixed for the  
15th, 16th and 17th February, 1912, are  
altered to one week later. THE RACE  
MEETING will be held on TUESDAY,  
20th, THURSDAY, 22nd and FRIDAY  
23rd, February, 1912, thereby coinciding  
with the usual holidays following the  
Chinese New Year.  
The Entries will close one week later  
than the date already fixed, viz., Saturday,  
the 20th January, 1912.  
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(BY WALTER BOWLAND, F.I.A.)

(Continued.)

Before leaving the Actuarial Report it  
will be well to notice exactly what Benefits  
the Actuarial were instructed to provide  
for, because any deviation from these in  
the Bill will affect the finance of the  
scheme.

The benefits were:—

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week during first 13 weeks reckoned from  
the 4th day after sickness and of 5/- per  
week thereafter.Maternity Benefits.—30/- upon the birth  
of each child in the case of a wife of an  
insured person.The contributions are not payable during  
sickness. This simply means an additional  
sickness benefit of 7d. per week.Provision is also made that contributions  
are not payable during unemployment.I may say that the rate of unemployment  
was taken as 5 per cent. It must be  
understood that this rate of 5 per cent.  
should not be regarded as a definite  
estimate of the amount of unemployment  
in future but merely as a reasonable and  
convenient assumption for purpose of  
calculation of contributions.The contributions according to the calcu-  
lations are, therefore, payable for every  
week of the year excepting during sickness  
and unemployment. You understand that  
the State is to pay 2d. per week  
for each member or rather 2/9ths of the  
benefit. The employer is to pay 3d. and  
the workman 4d. Hence, the well known  
phrase 9d. for 4d. It will be useful, for a  
later purpose, to analyse this now.You know that the same contribution is  
to be paid by all irrespective of age and  
occupation. This in itself is unjust  
and is bound to cause dissatisfaction because  
it means that the young lives are paying  
more than they ought to and the older  
lives less. This would be all right if later  
on the future new entrants paid more to  
the account of the present young lives, but  
this is not so. The younger members  
during the next 16 years or so will have to  
wipe off a debt for other people which they  
will never be recompensed for. We shall  
see how this happens. The true net cost  
to provide seven-ninths of the minimum  
benefits for a member aged 16 is 4.91  
pence per week. As the age of a member  
increases this cost will also increase.It is the object of the Bill to treat every  
man as being aged 16, i.e., to charge him  
only this 4.91 pence.For every person over 16, since this  
amount will not be sufficient to cover the  
benefits, it follows that if a Society is to  
insure a person for the necessary  
benefits, it must have something in hand  
for each member admitted over 16 years of  
age. The amount that a Society will  
require to have in hand will, of course,  
vary with the age of each member. The  
higher the age, the higher will be the  
amount required.The Society then that admits members  
over 16 years of age will start with a debt  
equal to the total of the amounts required  
according to the different ages at entry of  
its members. Provision has to be made  
for the purpose of wiping off this debt,  
which amounts to about £83 millions, by  
an addition to the contributions. Hence,  
the contribution is increased to 7d. per  
week. The weekly contribution is, there-  
fore, increased by 2.09 of a d. Of this  
increase 5/9ths of a d. has to be used to  
build up a fund to wipe off the debt and  
the balance (to a nearness) is left as a  
margin for fluctuations.This margin is about 11 per cent of the  
contribution. Allowing for this margin of  
11 per cent and also for the State's con-  
tribution, the member will, for the first  
fifteen years or so receive benefits (which  
includes expenses) to value of 7d. per  
week, and after that, in event of some  
weather sailing, he should receive some-  
thing under 9d. and later on not nearer to  
his 9d. worth. I should say roughly that  
the value of this expected benefit in future,  
allowing for the increases due after 16  
years, would be equivalent to a weekly  
contribution from outset of about 8d.Apart from the question of where the 6d.  
will come from, the phrase 9d. for 4d. is  
such a hopelessly average one that it  
should hardly be used. It is true  
that for every 7d. paid into the fund  
7d. in benefits and expenses must be paid  
out and this with the State's share makes  
9d.Both males and females are to be insured  
and it is contemplated that separate funds  
and accounts be kept for each. The Bill  
does not prevent an approved Society  
from having its 10,000 made up of 9,000  
males and 1,000 females, and as each sex  
has to support itself, it follows that the  
fluctuations, which it is desired to avoid,  
will still exist.I should expect, however, that the  
Commissioners will see that a Society has  
the necessary number for each sex. This  
limit has now been reduced to 5,000. It is  
further enacted that Societies, with a  
membership of less than 5,000 may  
voluntarily associate with each other to  
reach the 5,000 limit for the purpose of  
valuation.These smaller Societies, who do not  
voluntarily associate with each other will  
be compulsorily grouped together according  
to County Area for purpose of valuation.  
This compulsory grouping, however, neces-  
sary if any appears, is laid. It is made on  
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in the world."The modern doctor will tell you that  
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throat strong and well.The same is true of tonsillitis and the  
bad sore throat which accompanies in-  
fluenza.Formant not only cures, but also  
prevents them. People subject to throat  
troubles, of which there is an epidemic in  
China just now, should seek a Formant  
tablet occasionally, and so safeguard them-  
selves against it.Formant will also prevent such in-  
fectious diseases as Diphtheria, Scarlet  
Fever, Measles, Mumps, Whooping Cough  
and Consumption, whose germs enter the  
body through the mouth and throat.How certainly Formant cures and  
prevents germ diseases this case, re-  
ported in The General Practitioner, viri-  
lously shows. Two children with Diphtheria  
were taken from home to a hospital, where  
one died. The mother and another child  
who had slept in the same room with the  
one who died, they were found to be  
dangerous of Diphtheria.Formant was immediately given to  
them and the other people in the house.  
The two sufferers got well in three days,  
and not one person in the whole house got  
Diphtheria.Scores of similar cases, proving how  
Formant both cures and prevents these  
germ diseases, can be quoted.Over seven thousand doctors have testi-  
fied to the value of Wulff's Formant,  
both as a cure for sore throats, and as a  
preventive of the germ diseases, Diphtheria,  
Scarlet Fever, Measles, etc. Moreover, their  
testimony is corroborated by that of in-  
numerable patients, amongst whom are  
many of the most distinguished men and  
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imitations about, you should be careful to  
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and these are sure to be a quick demand for  
them. To write to me at once, securing yours  
you should write at once.But, Actuarially, the phrase 9d. for 4d.  
can only be true for one age.The position is that a person aged 16  
will, for the so-called 9d. get benefits equal  
to a weekly contribution from outset of  
about 8d. As the ages of the members will  
entry increase, this equivalent value will  
also increase until an age is reached when  
9d. worth of benefit will be received.  
After this age the members will get more  
than 9d. worth.I come now into closer contact with the  
Bill.It is proposed that the Sickness Benefits  
be made through approved Friendly Socie-  
ties. To become approved, they must  
satisfy certain conditions. One of the  
original conditions was that the Society  
have a membership of at least 10,000.  
The reason given for having this number  
was for the purpose of averaging so that  
any effects of local epidemics, &c., would  
not have such serious results as they might  
have on smaller societies. Very few So-  
cieties have this qualification and it justly  
received strong opposition. He would be  
a bold Actuary who would say that 10,000  
was a minimum number necessary, in fact  
no number can be fixed because much will  
depend upon the geographical distribution  
of the members.Both males and females are to be insured  
and it is contemplated that separate funds  
and accounts be kept for each. The Bill  
does not prevent an approved Society  
from having its 10,000 made up of 9,000  
males and 1,000 females, and as each sex  
has to support itself, it follows that the  
fluctuations, which it is desired to avoid,  
will still exist.I should expect, however, that the  
Commissioners will see that a Society has  
the necessary number for each sex. This  
limit has now been reduced to 5,000. It is  
further enacted that Societies, with a  
membership of less than 5,000 may  
voluntarily associate with each other to  
reach the 5,000 limit for the purpose of  
valuation.These smaller Societies, who do not  
voluntarily associate with each other will  
be compulsorily grouped together according  
to County Area for purpose of valuation.  
This compulsory grouping, however, neces-  
sary if any appears, is laid. It is made on  
(Continued on page 2.)

## Intimations.

## NOTICE.

ALL Vessels are warned that in passing  
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only the Entrances at Yau-mai and Tai  
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be CLOSED for the transaction of Public  
Business on MONDAY, the 1st proximo.  
Hongkong, December 27, 1911. 1674

## NOTICE.

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BOOMABHOY MOWJEE to sign  
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Hongkong, December 23, 1911. 1656

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## IMPORTATION OF OPIUM

## A Misunderstanding—Corrected.

We have received the following correspondence from the Secretary of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce:—  
Hongkong, September 6th.  
The Hon. The Colonial Secretary.

President.

Sir,—We have the honour to draw your attention to the fact that during a debate in the Legislative Council held on the 30th ultimo, you are reported to have (Hongkong Daily Press report) made the following statements:—

1. Prior to the last sale three of the leading merchants came to my office and asked me the intentions of the Government were. I told them that it was extremely probable that any opium brought would be shut out.

Mr. Gubbay, of Messrs E. D. Sassoon & Co., and the writer called at your office together as representing the regular importers of opium, and if any other gentleman called he was not entitled to set on behalf of the regular opium merchants.

2. Now I have figures showing that of the 1,000 chests imported between 24th July and 24th August, 760 chests were imported by the gentlemen who came to see me.

We beg to inform you that we purchased at the July sale, which was held in Calcutta on Tuesday 4th, 200 chests of unrefined opium, out of which 175 chests were purchased for sale and on behalf of the Hongkong and Macao Opium Farmers as per contract Mr. Shellim had the pleasure of presenting to you for your inspection.

These purchases were made prior to any steps being taken to prohibit the import of unrefined opium into Hongkong. Since the 4th July we did not purchase nor were interested in a single chest of unrefined opium for the Hongkong market. At the August sale we made no purchase for the Hongkong market.

It is a fact that at the Import and Export Office we appear as importers of a much larger quantity than 200 chests. This is accounted for by the fact that the opium was taken delivery of by us and stored in our godown on behalf of other firms and banks, and as the bill of lading is endorsed by us we appear as the importers.

Mr. Hutchison at your request called at our office and inspected our godown and books and we think thoroughly satisfied himself that we were the actual importers of 200 chests of unrefined opium only. Will you kindly verify these statements. The above explanation also dispenses of the Hon. Mr. Hewitt's remark on the same occasion, as follows:—

"I went to see them the day I saw you or the day afterwards, but they were still buying, as they did not know whether the Bill was coming forward this week or next month. Therefore at the last sale they had to buy," and the reply of H. E. The Governor, "I think their position is a little this. After protesting against the importation of unrefined opium and asking to introduce this Bill they go on importing subsequent to the date on which they know the Bill would be introduced."

We have, &c.,  
(Sgd.) David Sassoon & Co., Ltd.

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
16th October, 1911.

Gentlemen,—I have the honour to reply to your letter of the 24th ultimo on the subject of certain statements made in the Legislative Council on the 30th August during the debate upon the Opium Bill.

and to express my great regret that owing to an unfortunate oversight no reply has previously been sent to you.

2. You are correct in assuming that I was referring to your firm when I stated the Opium Merchants who came to see me (and who had previously protested against the importation of unrefined opium) had themselves imported between the 24th of July and 24th August 760 chests out of a total import of 1,000 chests. I made this statement on the strength of official reports of importations signed by your firm in which the opium in question was described as "imported by us." You have since informed me that this opium was not as stated imported by you, but by other persons, and that your only interest in it was that you acted as warehousemen in respect of it. I have caused enquiry to be made and find that the information given by your firm in the official reports was incorrect and that the facts are as stated in your letter under reply.

3. The Governor desires me to say that the words quoted by you as having been used by him were intended merely as a comment upon disclosures made during the debate, and their significance so far as your firm is concerned ceases with the explanation you have now afforded.

4. You are at liberty to make any use of this letter as you may think fit.

I have, &c.,  
(Sgd.) WARREN BARNES,  
Colonial Secretary.

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## His Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station

Name	Class	Tonnage	Guns	H.P.	Commander	Last report at
Albion	despatch vessel	1700	13	2000	Comdr. Lowndes	Wahaiwei
Asina	cruiser, 2nd class	4300	10	7000	Captain E. B. Kiddle	Hongkong
Atlas	Admiralty tug	—	—	—	Master W. West	Hongkong
Bramble	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Comdr. R. G. Washington	Wahaiwei
Britomart	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Comdr. J. M. Barker	Shanghai
Cadmus	sloop	1070	9	1400	Comdr. H. Lyne	Hongkong
Charub	water tank and tug	390	—	300	Master H. Smith	Hongkong
Clio	sloop	1070	9	1400	Comdr. H. R. Veale	Hongkong
Flora	torpedo boat destroyer	380	6	5700	Lt.-Comdr. H. S. Morris	Wahaiwei
Flora	cruiser, 2nd class	4300	10	7000	Capt. J. Nicholas	Hongkong
Flora	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lt.-Comdr. H. M. Guy Stopped	Hongkong
Flora	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lt.-Comdr. M. R. R. Blackwood	Wahaiwei
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	3900	Capt. S. St. John Farquhar	Hongkong
Janus	cruiser, 1st class	9000	14	22,000	Lt.-Comdr. T. J. S. Lyne	Yangtze
Kent	river gunboat	618	4	1200	Comdr. B. O. M. Davy	Hongkong
Kinsh	sloop	1040	—	—	Capt. Cayley	Hongkong
Maia	cruiser, 1st class	14,000	—	27,000	Capt. L. E. Power, M.V.C.	Hongkong
Minotaur	cruiser, 1st class	9800	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. G. P. Leith	Canton
Monsieur	river gunboat	180	2	800	Capt. G. E. P. Hunt, D.S.O.	Wahaiwei
Moorhen	cruiser, 2nd class	4300	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. C. H. Woodward	Yangtze
Newcastle	river gunboat	85	2	240	Comdr. C. L. Lambie	Wahaiwei
Nightingale	river gunboat	350	6	8300	Capt. F. H. Mitchell	Shanghai
Other	torpedo boat destroyer	2132	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. N. E. Archdale	Hongkong
Pegasus	cruiser	930	—	1400	Lt.-Comdr. C. A. O. Douglas	West River
Rosario	depot ship, submarines	85	2	340	Lt.-Comdr. E. J. J. Southby	Canton
Robin	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Maurice B. Leslie	Yangtze
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Gunner E. J. Trille	Hongkong
Snipe	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	8500	Commodore C. J. Byrne	Hongkong
Taku	receiving ship	4650	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. R. J. Buchanan	Yangtze
Tamar	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. M. B. Hamilton	Shanghai
Ten	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Comdr. H. D. Adair-Hall	Wahaiwei
Thistle	torpedo boat destroyer	355	6	8300	Lt.-Comdr. Hancock	Singapore
Virgo	surveying ship	820	—	450	Lt.-Comdr. G. B. Hartford	Wahaiwei
Waterwitch	torpedo boat destroyer	380	6	5900	Lt.-Comdr. B. E. Brooks	Yangtze
Whiting	river gunboat	155	2	800	Com. M. E. Wilding	Upper Yangtze
Widgeon	river gunboat	150	2	500	Lt.-Comdr. G. F. A. Mallock	Upper Yangtze
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	500	Lt. O. Godfrey Herbert	Hongkong
Woodlark	submarine	—	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. A. A. L. Ferner	Hongkong
36	submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. J. R. A. Codrington	Hongkong
37	submarine	—	—	—	—	—
38	submarine	—	—	—	—	—

\* Flagship of Vice-Admiral Alfred L. Winaloe, K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G., Commander-in-Chief.

## Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station

Name.	Flag and description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captains.	Last report at
Kaiser Franz Joseph I	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	4000	—	—	Capt. Alfred Cicoli	Amoy
Dupleix	French armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	—	Saigon
Klober	French 1st class cruiser	9700	12	19,600	—	Saigon
Decidée	French gunboat	645	10	1300	Lieut. de Linares	Saigon
Argus	French river gunboat	180	6	570	Lieut. d'Estienne	Canton
Vigilante	French gunboat	123	7	500	Lieut. Biscail	Canton
Peiho	French gunboat	130	—	—	Lieut. Puch	Tongku
+ Flagship of Rear-Admiral Colloch de Kenilias, Commander-in-Chief, the French China Station.						
Esturgeon	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Combet	Saigon
Lynx	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Marrs	Saigon
Perle	French sub-marine	500	—	—	—	Saigon
Protee	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Morris	Saigon
Styx	French armoured gunboat	1798	10	1700	Lieut. Seriot	Saigon
Fronde	French destroyer	350	7	303	—	Saigon
d'Iberville	French destroyer	250	9	—	—	Saigon (Reserve)
Takou	French destroyer	130	7	300	Comdr. Mortenau	Hongay
Pistolet	French destroyer	307	8	300	Lieut. de la Roche Comandron	Saigon
Mousquet	French torpedo-depot	—	—	—	—	Hongay
Vauban	French torpedo-depot	—	—	—	Lieut. Bihel	Capt. St. Jacques
Veteran	French torpedo-depot	—	—	—	—	Saigon
Manche	French surveying-ship	1625	10	9000	Comdr. Ragot de Tonche	Saigon
* Flagship of Capt. (Commodore) Boudreau, Commanding the local defence Indo-China						
Emden	German cruiser	3500	22	13,500	Capt. Vollerthun	Tientsin
Gneisenau	German armoured cruiser	11,600	38	23,000	Captain v. Ular	Tientsin
Tiger	German gunboat	900	12	1500	Comdr. Margmann	Shanghai
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	12	1500	Capt. Vanselow	Hongkong
Leipzig	German gunboat	3250	24	11,000	Capt. Schroeder	Tientsin
Luchs	German gunboat	900	10	1350	Capt. Le. Bendemann	Shanghai
Nürnberg	German cruiser	3400	22	13,500	Capt. Lintz. Jantzen	Tientsin
Other	German river gunboat	11,600	38	23,000	Capt. Kraft	Yangtze River
Scharnhorst	German torpedo-boat	400	8	8500	Capt. Lieut. Heyden	Tientsin
S. 90	German torpedo-boat	280	4	6000	Lieut. Kolbe (Hans)	Tientsin
Taku	German gunboat	900	10	1350	Comdr. Leppe	Shanghai
Tiger	German river gunboat	223	4	1300	Capt. Lieut. Graf Dohna-Schloden	Canton
Tsingtau	German river gunboat	223	4	500	Capt. Lieut. Kautzer	Shanghai
Vaterland	German river gunboat	2145	—	—	Comdr. Sommi Pichardi	Shanghai
Calabria	Italian cruiser	—	—	—	Capt. Martin	Macao
Macao	Portuguese gunboat	700	—	—	Captain J. Milheiro	Macao
Patric	Portuguese gunboat	—	—	—	—	—
U. S. submarine	U. S. submarine	—	—	—	Ensign J. M. Murray	Manila
U. S. protected cruiser	U. S. protected cruiser	3430	17	7900	Com. Clarence S. Williams	Yokohama
U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Ensign E. S. Root	Manila
U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Ensign Robt. W. Catania	Manila
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	243	8	250	Ensign Stuart W. Calk	Canton
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	420	7	8000	Ensign L. N. McNair	Manila
U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Comdr. John D. McDonald	Amoy
U. S. protected cruiser	U. S. protected cruiser	3100	10	4700	Comdr. Hugh Bidman	Cavite
U. S. protected cruiser	U. S. protected cruiser	3100	10	4700	Ensign F. J. Fletcher	Manila
U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Ensign C. S. Graves	Manila
U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	420	7	8000	Lt. Comdr. William D. Brotherton	Yangtze River
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	1307	18	1800	Comdr. R. O. Bitter	Yangtze River
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. I. W. Schoenfeld	Cavite
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	170	5	—	Lieut. C. A. Woodruff	—
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	Ensign E. D. Whorster	Manila
U. S. submarine	U. S. submarine	—	—	—	Ensign Robt. V. Low	Manila
U. S. station ship	U. S. station ship	1900	—	5244	—	Cavite
U. S. monitor	U. S. monitor	4384	4	6200	Commander H. A. Bishop	Cavite
U. S. cruiser	U. S. cruiser	3430	25	—	Comdr. William G. Miller	Yokohama
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	243	8	—	Lieut. George O. Peggam	Cavite
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	Ensign J. O. Van de Carr	Manila
U. S. submarine	U. S. submarine	—	—	—	Lieut. J. W. Schoenfeld	Cavite
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	4206	14	—	Lt. Comdr. A. N. Mitchell	Cavite
U. S. cruiser	U. S. cruiser	24	8	250	Ensign N. H. Goss	Yangtze River
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	8150	25	17,075	Comdr. Joseph L. Jayne	Yokohama
U. S. protected cruiser	U. S. protected cruiser	—	—	—	Ensign Henry M. Jensen	Manila
U. S. submarine	U. S. submarine	370	9	800	Lieut. W. L. Fritschel	Yangtze River
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	1897	20	1894	Comdr. W. A. Edgar	Hongkong
U. S. gunboat	U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	Commander-in-Chief United States Asiatic Fleet,	—

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A detective who is charged with the duty of guarding the safety of a crowned head must, however, take care to cause his Royal charge as little inconvenience as possible, and the various plans and arrangements that a Royal detective may find it necessary to make in the course of his work must be as unobtrusive in character as they are effective in attaining their object.

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King George, for example, is at all times guarded with the greatest care. It is doubtful, indeed, if His Majesty, except when he is actually in his bed, is ever out of sight of at least one of the personal detective staff at Buckingham Palace.

When King George dines at the house of a personal friend, a member of the Buckingham Palace detective staff is present in the house from the moment the King enters it until his Majesty leaves it. He is never observed, save by a member of the staff, and he is frequently disguised in the liveries of one of the Royal servants.

Two of whom are usually in attendance in any private house at which the King may dine.

HIS UNKNOWN PROTECTOR.

When the King stays at the house of a friend, the chief of the detective staff, with one of his assistants, occupies a room immediately adjoining the Royal apartments; but throughout the visit the presence of the detectives is no more noticeable than the presence of any other member of the household.

So secretly and unobtrusively do the detectives on the staff of Buckingham Palace perform their work that, with the exception of the chief detective, most of them are unknown even to King George.

The chief detective has interviews from time to time with the King when it may be necessary to make special arrangements for guarding His Majesty; but normally the chief detective's plans are known only to the King's private secretary.

SPECIAL TRAINING.

A detective who has charge of the safety of an important Royal personage has to receive a special training. He must be thoroughly well versed in the ways, doings, and methods of those who are known to be enemies of the monarchy, and he must be able to detect the members of the class of criminal who are plotting against the lives of Royal personages.

The detective who guards the safety of the German Emperor was for two years a member of one of the most dangerous societies in Europe, known as the Third Union, and he acquired during that period a most intimate knowledge of the methods of the class of criminal who men in his position have to keep a watchful eye on.

During those two years the detective lived with his life in his hand. Had the faintest suspicion been raised among the members of the Third Union that the detective was a spy, he would, without the slightest doubt, have paid for his daring with his life.

A Royal detective must be a good linguist, for he is constantly brought into contact with foreigners.

A Royal detective's life is one of ceaseless care and anxiety. He is always finding out what might be termed an "unseen foe." It is true he is able, as a rule, to keep himself well informed as to the enemy's doings, and, as long as his information is trustworthy and reliable, he can outmanoeuvre him; but he never can be quite certain that his information is reliable. In making his plans, he has to use his own judgment as to how far he can rely on the truth of the information gleaned from the hundreds of different quarters.

It is a mistake, the chances are, especially in the case of a foreign monarch, that an attempt will be made on the monarch's life, and even if it completely fails, the detective's reputation is ruined.

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Kidneys—Chu Yiu. 8

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Leg—Chu Fat. 24

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Liver—Young Con. 12

Sucking Pigs, To Order—Chu Chai. 22

Suet, Beef—Sang Ngau Yau. 20

Mutton—Sang Young Yau. 22

Veal—Ngau Chai Yuk. 20

Sausages—Ngau Chai Chung. 20

Poultry.

Chicken—Kai Chai. 28

Capons, Large, Small—Sin Kai. 28

Ducks—Ap. 20

Doves—Pau Kau. 18

Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan. 20

Fowls, Canton—Kai. 12

Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai. 27

Geese—Ngai. 20

Goose, Wild—Shang-ho Yau Ngai pau. 20

Musk Deer—Wong Keng. 20

Hare, Shanghai—Ta Chai. 20

Partridge—Che Khoo. 20

Pheasant—Shan Kai. 20

Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kip. 20

Hohow—Hoi Eow Pak Kip. 20

Quail—Um Chan. 16

Rice Birds—Wo Fa Cheuk. 20

Snipe—Sa Choy. 24

Turkeys, Cook—Phor Kai Kung. 12

Hon. 12

Wild Ducks, Shanghai—Shang-hoi Sui Ap. 21.25

Local—Sui Ap Chai. 40

Wild Ducks Canton—Sang Shing Sui Ap. 85

## Meat.

Shrimp—Se Yu. 10

Shrimp—Po Yu. 10

Shrimp—Ha. 24

Snapper—Lap Yu. 18

Sole, Tat Sa Yu. 14

Tench—Wan Yu. 18

Turbot—Cho Hoi Yu. 20

Turtles, small, fresh water—Kork Yu. 58

White Bait—Ngau Yu Chai. 1

Fruits.

Almonds—Hung Yau. 12

Apples (California)—Kam San Ping Kho. 20

(Chefoo)—Tin Chun Ping Kho. 1

Small—Hoi Tong. 12

Quail—Fan Lai Chi. 12

Bananas, fragrant, Canton—San Shing Heung Chiu. 12

Bananas, (brides), Macao—San Heung Chiu. 12

Carambola—Young Yue. 12

Cocconuts—Yeh Tse. 12

Lemons, China—Ning Moong. 12

America—Kam San Ning Moon. 12

Lichies Dried—Lai Chi, small Stone. 12

Freeh. 12

Limes (Sai Gon)—Sai Kung Ning Moong. 12

Mango, Manila—Lui Sing Moong. 12

Mangosteens—San Chuk Tao. 12

Oranges (Canton)—San Shing Tin Ching. 12

Oranges Sweet. 12

Pears (American)—Kam San Shoot Lay. 12

(Canton), Cooking—Sa Lay. 12

Peanuts—Fa Sang. 12

Peppercorns Large—Hung Chiu. 12

Pine-apples, 1st quality—Foon Ti Paw Law. 12

2nd—Chung Kung Law. 12

Plantain—Tsi Chiu. 12

Plum, Swallow, Hung Lai. 12

Pumelo, Siam—Chim Lo Yau. 12

Shanghai—Lo Kwat. 12

Walnuts—Hop Tao. 12

Green—Sang Hop Tao. 12

Water Melon—(Am.) Kom San Sai Kwa. 12

(China) Sai Kwa. 12

Grapes—Sang Po Tai Tai. 12

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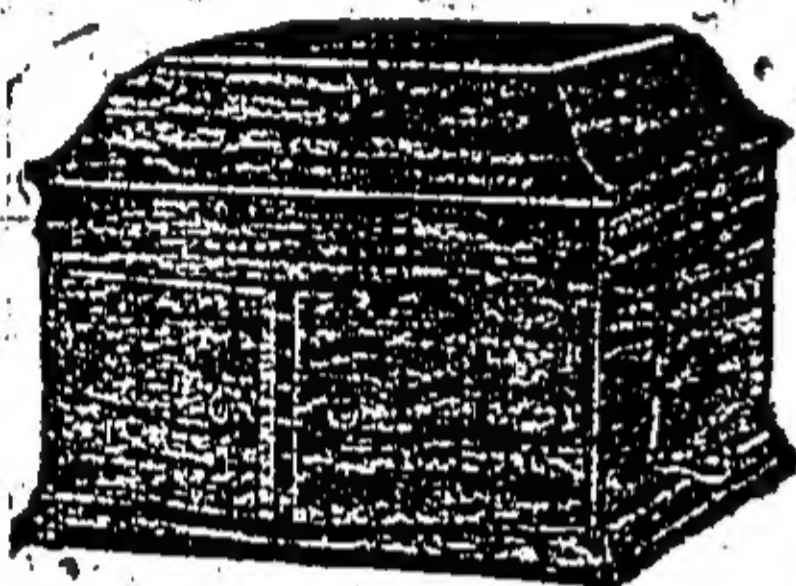
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SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS  
at 2 P.M.concludes an uncompromising article  
something like this—"It is necessary that there should  
be a focussing of powerful forces with  
a view to the attack upon Peking.Already there have been preparations  
for this attack, which have been  
matured in many places. What, how-  
ever, is desiderated is swiftness of  
movement, and not dilatory indolence.The land and sea forces should be  
united for an immediate advance.  
Indeed, all the forces north of the  
Yangtze and of Shanghai should  
amalgamate. They should, as a mighty  
army, cross the Yellow River, fighting  
their way before them. The armies  
from Shansi should emerge from the  
passes of Taing Ying. Full of en-  
thusiasm, strong and well-nourished  
would be these soldiers. Riding upon  
swift horses, they would handle the  
mighty bow and vigorously shoot the  
arrows. Like thunder would they be,  
even as the advancing footsteps of  
tigers. Together they would approach  
the palaces of the Manchu slaves. If  
fire were put to them, they would be  
scattered in a moment. They would be  
overthrown, and flung into an abyss,  
and everything would be scattered  
like the flying of sparks from a fire.Although there would be an army to  
be encountered and much fighting, yet  
there would be battleaxes thick as  
cicadas in spring, and the way for the  
chariots would be prosperous. Why  
then should not the disgusting Man-  
chus be swept away? Are not we able  
to reestablish our own situation, and  
take care of our own property? Let  
there be an issuing of an order firmly  
and unflinchingly. The opportune time  
will not come again. O, you mighty  
youths, who love your country, take  
upon you military services and regard  
them as a duty. Will you not then  
to the utmost degree rouse yourselves,  
and plan this thing?"Probably it is only in China that  
newspapers continue to write like this,  
especially at a time when a meeting  
of peace advocates is in session. In all  
other civilized countries at such times  
and under such conditions, there  
would be the utmost caution displayed  
in editorial sanctimony and no voice  
would be heard either pro or con  
until failure was announced. But in  
China we must remember that it was  
Kansuh braves of the Manchus who  
tried to destroy the ambassadors of  
foreign nations, and that only  
the other day some of their  
troops fired upon the Red Cross  
hospital, and even upon those who  
were at work trying to alleviate  
the pains of the wounded. There is  
little wonder, therefore, that those  
who have these thoughts in their  
minds should speak them out, though  
such a departure from recognised  
usage would be unpardonable in any  
other people and from any other pen.What we are most interested in  
though, after reading the above article,  
is the spirit that is breathed through  
the words. They are typical of many  
others that might be quoted, and in-  
variably the object of the writer is to  
stir up the people and urge them for-  
ward to an attack on the capital  
without pity for the sufferings of those  
who would be wounded or condi-  
lences for the relatives of those who  
might be slain. It is obvious that  
the spirit that animates this passage  
is one of unbending hostility towards  
the Manchus, and nothing but their  
destruction will satisfy those who are  
the spokesmen of the southern  
people.President Taft has again asked Con-  
gress to grant shipping subsidies to lines  
running to Honolulu, Samoa, China, Aus-  
tralia and the Philippines.

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## QUARANTINE RAISED.

The Colonial Secretary of Hongkong  
kindly inform us that Singapore has been  
released from quarantine.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

The German Mail of the 29th Novem-  
ber was delivered in London on the 27th  
December.The London Musical Comedy Co. are  
showing at the Theatre Royal, City Hall,  
to-night and to-morrow night.A wireless message from the German  
Mail steamer Buelow states that the vessel  
will make port about 8 o'clock to-night.Twenty men of the K.O.Y.L.I. were  
sworn in before Mr. C. Dick Malbourn at  
the Magistracy this morning as special  
constables.There is to be a special Watchnight  
service at St. John's Cathedral on the 31st  
inst. at 11.30 p.m. The Chaplain, Mr. C. Dick  
Malbourn, will preach, and Commanding  
Officers have been requested to give every  
facility for men to attend.Captain K. E. Ward, 2nd Lieut. J.  
A. Jervis, and 80 rank and file, 1st Bn.  
K.O.Y.L.I., 6 rank and file, R.E., Captain  
A. E. B. Wood and 2 rank and file,  
R.A.M.C., proceeded to Canton on special  
duty per s.s. Hsuan on 23rd inst.We have received a copy of the sixth  
edition of the street index of the city of  
Victoria, by Mr. Arthur Chapman, Gov-  
ernment, Assessor. The volume grows  
larger and more complete year by year and  
is a useful reference to residents as well as  
property owners.The following Notice was circulated to  
residents on the Shameson on Wednesday—  
Residents are hereby notified that the  
Klaxon Alarms will be sounded between  
9 A.M. and 10 P.M. to-night for the purpose  
of summoning a general muster of the forces.  
A. J. Vivian Hogg, Chairman Shameson  
Municipal Council.The names of the new moderators for  
the Presbyterian churches are announced.  
The Rev. William Watson, Clouston, Ber-  
khead, for the Presbyterian Church of  
England, and Rev. Dr. Whitlaw of Kil-  
marlock for the United Free Church of  
Scotland. This system of *primus inter  
paries* is strictly for one year only in Pres-  
byterian churches, and is the highest  
honour that these churches can confer on  
their specially selected ministers.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Dr. Lim Boon Keng was a passenger to  
Malaya on the N.D.L. Buelow.Lord Hamilton of Dalzell left Marseilles  
on December 22nd by the P. and O. Mail  
bound to China and Japan."A Chinese" writing to the *Peking Daily  
News* gives his impression of "General"  
Homer B. Lea, whom he met in Boston  
five years ago. "He was everything but a  
military man."Mr. Joseph Leonard, second bailiff at  
the Supreme Court, has been appointed  
head bailiff in place of Mr. F. Howell who  
retires at the end of this month. Mr. W.  
Hill, the usher, takes the position vacated  
by Mr. Leonard.A few days ago, the Paris correspondent  
of the *Standard* reported that Madame  
Sarah Bernhardt (87 years of age) was  
about to be married to M. Lou Tellegen, a  
Flemish actor, 25 years old. The cor-  
respondent of the *Daily Chronicle* now  
states that Madame Bernhardt denies that  
she contemplates marriage.While at home, Dr. Sun Yat Sen was  
taken to a private view of the waxworks at  
Mme. Tussaud's. In taking the party  
round the attendant in charge made  
a point of drawing attention to the wax  
figure of Dr. Sun Yat Sen himself, quite  
unconscious of the fact that the original of  
the figure was there in the flesh.Dr. G. A. Finlayson, as the official dele-  
gate of the Government of the Straits  
Settlements, will attend the congress of  
the Far Eastern Association of Tropical  
Medicine in Hongkong next month. He  
will submit a paper on Malaria as a Factor  
in the Aetiology of Biliary Calculi. Dr. H.  
Fraser, who is representing the F.M.S.  
Government, lectures on Beri-beri.Mr. Harcourt has appointed Mr. Charles  
B. L. Tennison, B.A., barrister-at-law, of  
Gray's Inn, to the post of legal assistant in  
the Colonial Office. Mr. Tennison is the  
second son of the late Mr. Lionel Tennison  
(second son of the Poet), by his wife  
Eleanor, daughter of Mr. Locker-Lampson,  
who is now the wife of Mr. Birrell. Mr.  
Tennison was born in 1870, was educated  
King's College, Cambridge, and was called  
to the Bar of Gray's Inn in 1905. He  
married, in 1909, Miss Ivy Preston, who  
had done valuable work for the Free Trade  
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## THE TRAGEDY AT WUCHOW.

Our Wuchow correspondent writes—  
Great gloom has been cast over the foreign  
community in Wuchow through the death  
of Mr. W. A. Blumenberg, of the Asiatic  
Petroleum Co., Ltd., under very tragic  
circumstances. It seems that on Friday  
evening Mr. Blumenberg was dining with  
a number of others at the house of Mr.  
Remondos, of the Customs service.Lieutenant Tyndall, of H.M.S. Robin,  
who was also one of the guests, was, it  
appears, showing a revolver to Mr.  
Blumenberg when it accidentally went off  
and the bullet struck the deceased in the  
neck. Although two doctors were in  
immediate attendance he passed away in  
a few minutes.Much sympathy is felt for Lieutenant  
Tyndall who, needless to say, is deeply  
affected by the event.  
The funeral service was conducted by  
the Rev. H. E. Anderson, of the Wesleyan  
Mission, the Rev. R. A. Jeffery, of the  
Alliance Mission, also taking part. There  
was a large gathering of foreigners at the  
grave side including a number of men from  
the Robin and the torpedo boat.Mr. Blumenberg will be greatly missed  
in Wuchow where he was highly respected.

## A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

Mr. Bailly-Francis Alston, who is at  
present staying at Government House,  
holds the position of Senior Clerk in the  
Foreign Office. The second son of the late  
Sir Francis Alston, K.C.M.G., formerly of  
the Foreign Office, he was appointed as  
clerk in the Foreign Office in 1890. Five  
years later he was made Acting Sec-  
retary in the Diplomatic Service at Copen-  
hagen, and in the following year he was  
Secretary to the British Plenipotentiaries at  
the Copyright Conference at Paris. From  
1896 to 1897 he was Acting 2nd Secretary  
and Chargé d'affaires at Buenos Aires,  
while in 1898, 1901 and 1902 he was  
Secretary to the British representatives at  
the Sugar Conference in Brussels. In the  
latter year also he was attached to the  
Foreign representative at the Coronation  
of King Edward VII., while during Nov-  
ember and December 1909 he was attached  
to H.E. Prince Tai Hsun of China on  
his mission to England.

## THE REVOLUTION.

Troops from the South.

Writing under date of the 26th inst.,  
our Macao correspondent says—  
On 23rd inst. the gunboat On Leung took  
in tow to Chin San a band of 30  
soldiers for the defence of that sub-prefecture.  
Orders have been given to Ching  
Choe Poo for the return to Canton of the  
100 men who had been detailed thence to  
Chin San on 21st November last. Out of  
this contingent it is intended to make a  
pick of the fittest for despatch northward  
in view of the projected taking of Peking.  
The said Ching Choe Poo subsequently  
called in to the district courthouse the  
rank and file from all the local barracks  
who were to proceed to Canton on 24th  
inst.THE MILITARY COMMANDANT  
OF CANTON.Commander Lung Chi Kwong is an  
aborigine of Yunnan province. Owing to  
his ability he displayed in discharging military  
duties and his resource in suppressing out-  
lawry in that province he was promoted  
from being a petty officer to the position  
of Tactel. During Hsin Chun Hsun's  
reign he was transferred to Kwang-si as a  
field marshal. He is beloved by his troops  
and dreaded by the outlaws.  
After the revolutionist rising in Canton,  
on the 27th of April, he was sent for by  
Victory Chang and came with 8,000 troops  
to Canton for the protection of the city.  
On the 8th of Nov. before the Victory's  
departure, he was given charge of the city,  
the treasury, and all the provincial  
documents, which he afterwards handed to  
the new government.Now, on account of the disturbance in  
Liu Chow and Kinchow (opposite Hainan)  
he has been appointed by the new govern-  
ment to take his troops there, and in spite  
of the protests of many leading merchants  
both in Canton and Hongkong who asked  
him to remain, he has obeyed orders and  
departed nearly 2,000 men. He will  
follow with the remainder in a few days  
time.

## AT THE MAGISTRACY.

Karl Hirsch, a fireman on the s.s. Clave-  
land, was fined \$4 at the Magistracy to-day,  
for being drunk and disorderly.Yung Shi Pat was sentenced to receive  
twenty-eight strokes of the "cat" and 48  
hours' detention, by Mr. C. Dick Malbourn,  
at the Magistracy this morning, for throw-  
ing stones at P. O. Barnett who was in  
charge of the pickets in Queen's Road  
West on Sunday.At the Magistracy this morning, before  
Mr. E. A. Irving, Detective Sergeant John  
Grant presented Su Tak Tin, of No. 208,  
Wing Lok Street, for importing four  
Winchester rifles and 26,000 rounds of  
ammunition into the Colony without a  
license. The case was remanded, bail being  
allowed in the sum of \$500.MUSCULAR RHEUMATISM.  
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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Fred-  
erick Lugard, G.C.M.G., etc., presided at  
the meeting of the Legislative Council  
held this afternoon. There were also  
present—Hon. Mr. C. CLARKE, Acting Colonial  
Secretary.Hon. Mr. A. M. THOMSON, Colonial  
Treasurer.Hon. Mr. C. G. ALABASTER, Acting  
Attorney-General.Hon. Mr. W. CHATMAN, C.M.G., Director  
of Public Works.Hon. Mr. E. R. HALLIDAY, Acting  
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Police.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C.

Hon. Mr. Wai Yee, C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. E. A. HAWKIN.

Hon. Mr. E. OSBORNE.

Mr. CAHOON, (Clerk of Council).

## LAW COURTS AND POST OFFICE.

On Council referring certain financial  
minutes to the Finance Committee, His  
Excellency directed attention to two in  
particular—\$84,529 in respect of the Post  
Office, and \$38,219 in respect of the Law  
Courts. He had intended laying before  
the Council a statement in full detail in  
regard to these items, but he had thought  
it better to appoint a Commission to en-  
quire into the whole circumstances of all  
the supplementary votes incurred since the  
erection of the buildings. The Colonial  
Treasurer would be Chairman and Col.  
St. John, Mr. Murray Stewart and the  
Hon. Mr. Ross members. His Excellency  
said he had taken pains to see, and the  
Director of Public Works had assured him  
thereon, that the money was being paid  
direct to those who had earned it. The  
money had been earned and must be  
paid before the end of the year. His  
Excellency added that he would recommend  
members to pass the votes and defer any  
criticisms until after the report of the  
Commission, which would sit in January.

## HONGKONG'S FLAG.

Hon. Colonial Secretary moved the fol-  
lowing resolution—  
"Resolved that the existing badge of  
the Colony is not only ineffectual but it is  
unsuitable for reproduction especially on  
flags, etc., and resolved therefore that the  
design laid on the table, being both simpler  
and more artistic, be substituted there-  
for."He also moved the addition of the fol-  
lowing words—"On a date to be hereafter  
notified by Government Gazette." Hon.  
Attorney General seconded.Hon. Mr. Ross said he was unable to  
support the resolution. He did not think  
the proposed badge was artistic or that it  
had any meaning to the ordinary person  
at all. He did not think there were more  
than two Europeans in the Colony who  
could tell what the Chinese characters  
meant. They were seal characters, which  
were known by very few people and merely  
appeared to be a kind of maze. If Chinese  
characters were required at all he would  
suggest that the ordinary Chinese char-  
acters be substituted in place of the seal  
characters. It was very difficult to put  
these characters on a flag at all, and he  
thought the design which appeared on the  
back of the Hongkong bank notes was far  
more artistic and more representative of the  
combination between England and China.Mr. Ross said he did not consider the  
Colonial Secretary's criticisms of the old  
badge at the last meeting were altogether  
deserved. The design represented a Chi-  
nese merchant and a foreign merchant  
bargaining; they were certainly not shak-  
ing hands with their left hands—it  
was the old way of bargaining  
with the left hand, the nearest competitor  
standing behind. The speaker suggested  
as a design a single peak with a pagoda  
and a junk, an Imperial Crown above it.Hon. Mr. Pollock concurred in the pre-  
vious speaker's remarks, saying the sug-  
gested design was a sealed book to the  
great bulk of the Chinese, to whom it  
would convey nothing at all.  
Hon. Mr. Osborne said he did not think  
any Chinese characters at all should  
appear on a British flag. Even ordinary  
Chinese characters would appear as ridicu-  
lous in the eyes of Chinese as Roman  
characters would in the eyes of foreigners.His Excellency moved as an amendment  
that the vote on the resolution should be  
adjourned. It was a matter for discussion  
and there was no reason for any haste in  
deciding it. He therefore proposed to  
hold over any decision on the resolution  
to see whether any artistic gentlemen in  
the Colony could produce a design which  
would meet with more general favour.Hon. Director of Public Works second-  
ed and the amendment was carried.

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## THE BUILDING ORDINANCE.

Council resumed consideration in com-  
mittee of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance  
to amend the Ordinance relating to Public  
Health and Buildings."The Director of Public Works outlined  
certain amendments which it was now  
proposed to make; and His Excellency  
said that in introducing this Bill the Gov-  
ernment had no intention to introduce a  
controversial measure without reference to  
architects and others concerned. The  
Director of Public Works had consulted  
with the architects and others concerned  
and certain amendments had been sug-  
gested. If the amendments were still  
considered controversial, the Government  
would drop them and introduce de-  
fensible amendments later on.After discussion it was decided to drop  
four clauses, and the Bill was passed minus  
these.

## STATUTE LAW ORDINANCE.

The Committee stage on the Bill entitled  
"An Ordinance to amend the Statute Law  
(New Revised Edition) Ordinance, 1911,  
was resumed."The Bill went through committee and  
was passed.

## BANK NOTES.

Hon. Attorney General moved the second  
reading of the Bill entitled "An Ordinance  
to provide for the issue by the Mercantile  
Bank of India, Limited of Bills, and Notes  
payable to Bearer on Demand."On a motion for third reading, His  
Excellency explained that the Company  
proposed issuing the notes before China  
New Year.  
The Bill was passed.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE BUILDING ORDINANCE.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")  
Sir,—With reference to the letter dated  
23rd December, will you kindly allow us  
to amend it by stating that the protest is  
made on behalf of the Authorised  
Architects belonging to the firms whose  
signatures are appended.LEIGH AND ORANGE,  
PALMER AND TURNER,  
DENISON, RAM AND GIBBS.

## TYPHOON SIGNALS.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")  
DEAR SIR,—May I be permitted to  
tentatively suggest for consideration the  
following alternative solution of the typhoon-  
signals problem, namely, that a Regulation  
be passed prohibiting vessels from making  
use of the Harbour of Refuge except when  
the black signals are up.For this way the red signals would be  
preserved as long-distance warnings, whilst  
the inconvenience to shipping, which is oc-  
casioned by many of the cargo-boats, junks  
and sampans hurrying off to the Harbour of  
Refuge directly the red signals are hoisted  
in order to make sure of getting a berth  
would be avoided.

## SANCTUARY HAPPENINGS.

There is a district south of Sanai dry  
through which several of the passage boats  
towed by steam launches from Hoiping,  
Yatping, and other inland districts must  
pass on their way to and from Canton.  
This has been a fine hunting-ground for  
local pirates and bandits, who, under the  
name of soldiers, have been harassing pas-  
senger people. A few days ago the local military  
official from Kongmoon was sent to attack  
these bandits. Some severe fighting en-  
sued, considerable losses being sustained  
on either side. A major of the attacking  
troops was killed, and after the battle it  
was found that several prisoners had been  
captured by the "People's soldiers," and  
these were dragged back to Kongmoon.  
The body of the deceased major was also  
carried back.The sentence on the brigands was carried  
out in the presence of the soldiers. They  
were brought forth and compelled to kneel  
one after another before the dead body of  
the deceased officer, and then they were out-  
raged. The bandits were subjected to the  
terrible punishment as a means of creating  
terror in the breasts of others who might  
be induced to follow in their footsteps.The reported result of this affair is that  
for the present the pirate hordes in this  
particular district have broken up and  
scattered. But further south it is reported  
that a similar thing is going on, though  
not to the same extent. It would seem  
that towards each other the natives, when  
their blood is up, or when they have any  
excuse, are as cruel as ever they were, for  
such deeds are constantly chronicled in the  
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voice against them as being unworthy of  
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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMOI, NINGPO & SHANGHAI	KWANGSANG	Dec. 29, at 4 p.m.
HAIPHONG	SUYONGSANG	Dec. 30, at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	LIANG	Dec. 31, Daylight
WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO	SUNAN	Jan. 1, at 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	CHENYU	Jan. 4, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	ASHU	Jan. 6, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	LIANG	Jan. 8, at 4 p.m.

DIRECT SAILINGS TO WEST RIVER—Twice Weekly.

S.S. 'LINTAN' and S.S. 'SANTU'.

AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation, with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

REDUCED FARES. Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

MANILA LINE. Twin Screw Steamers 'Teon' & 'Taming' Saloon accommodation; Electric Fans fitted; extra state-rooms on deck; aft Saloon accommodation; 'Kailong' is situated on deck, aft.

SHANGHAI LINE. FAST SCHEDULE TWIN SCREW STEAMERS—(S.S. Anhui, Chenay, Linan, Chinaboo) with excellent passenger accommodation, Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in State-rooms and Dining-Saloon, leave Hongkong for Shanghai direct every Thursday and Sunday, taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

N.B.—Passengers must embark before midnight on Saturday for the Sunday morning sailing. A Company's launch leaves Murray Pier at 10 o'clock every Saturday morning.

These Steamers had passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transshipment at the Western Wharf.

REDUCED FARES: Single \$45 Return \$75.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

AGENTS.

Telephone No. 38.

## OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

## REGULAR SERVICES, PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—

## (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

## TRANSPACIFIC SERVICE

Connecting at TACOMA with THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & PUGET SOUND RAILWAY.

THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL RAILWAY.

(The only direct train service, without transshipment, also shortest and fastest route from the Pacific Coast to CHICAGO).

Taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Overland Common Points in the United States of America and Canada, also to the Principal Ports in Mexico, Central and South America.

For	Steamers	Tons (gross reg.)	Leaves
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, SHIMIZU & Yokohama	CANADA MARU	6064	Tuesday, 9th Jan., at 11 a.m.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & Yokohama	TACOMA MARU	6178	Wednesday, 24th Jan., at 11 a.m.

1st-class passage from Hongkong to Victoria, Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver, Portland and San Francisco...\$110.

The Co.'s newly built steamers have fair speed. Superior accommodation for storage passengers situated AMIDSHIPS. A limited number of Cabin passengers carried at low rates. Best adapted rooms for carrying Silk, Treasure and Parcels. Special attention given towards Express connection.

For information of Freight, Passage, Sailings, etc., apply at the Co.'s local Branch Office at Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Building.

For further information, apply to

B. HIROI, Manager.

## Notices to Consignees

## FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Rangoon, Madras and Mauritius.

THE Steamship LIGHTNING.

Captain E. P. Smith, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 30th December, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSON & Co., Ltd.,

Agents.

Hongkong, December 27, 1911.

1912

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUEZ & PORT SAID.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to the Brazils to SOUTH AFRICA, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEBANON, VIENNA & AUSTRIAN PORTS).

THE Co.'s Steamship PERSEA.

Captain CHURCHILL will be despatched as above on MONDAY, 22nd January, 1912.

This Steamer has capital accommodation for passengers, electric light, and carries a Doctor.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SANDER, WIELEK & Co.,

Agents.

Prince's Building.

Hongkong, November 27, 1911.

1912

AUSTRIAN NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR

PIUMME and THURSTON Direct, Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUEZ & PORT SAID.

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Hongkong, November 27, 1911.

1912

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

## Shipping

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY.HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON 1912.  
PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

## MARSEILLES &amp; LONDON.

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR  
LOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.  
THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

Steamers to Colombo	Leave Hongkong	Connecting Steamers from Colombo to MARSEILLES and LONDON	Due MARSEILLES (Brindisi- 1 day earlier)	Due PLYMOUTH (London- 1 day later)
Steamer	Tons	Steamer	Tons	Saturday
ASSAYE	7500	Feb. 3	March 2	March 8
DELHI	7500	Feb. 17	March 16	March 22
INDIA	8000	March 3	March 30	April 5
DELTA	8000	March 10	March 37	April 12
DEVAHA	8000	March 20	April 17	April 23
DELTA	8000	April 3	April 30	May 5
ASSAYE	7500	April 13	May 11	May 17
DELHI	8000	May 1	May 29	June 4

Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO, with exception of s.s. "INDIA" and  
there for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at PORT SAID.  
Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved  
in Hongkong at the time of Booking.

FARES TO LONDON:

1st SALOON £71.10 SINGLE £108.14 RETURN.

2nd £48.8 £72.12

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE MAIL STEAMERS

INTERMEDIATE (NON-TRANSIT) STEAMERS

WILL LEAVE FOR

## LONDON.

CARRYING 1st and 2nd SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

PROPOSED SAILINGS:

STEAMERS	Tons	Leave Hongkong	Due LONDON
RYANZA	7000	February	about 22
NILDE	7000	March	about 13
NUBIA	6000	April	about 17
SUMATRA	5000	April	about 31
NAMUR	7000	May	about 14
PALAWAN	5000	May	about 28
BORNEO	5000	May	about 13
SYRIA	7000	June	about 27
MORE	7000	June	about 10

These Steamers call also at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and at MARSEILLES

FARES TO LONDON:

1st SALOON £58.0 SINGLE £84.10 RETURN.

2nd £38.10 £57.4

For further particulars apply to:

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES  
FRENCH MAIL LINES.FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO AND FROM EUROPE,  
Via SUEZ CANAL.FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO AND FROM JAPAN,  
Via SHANGHAI.For SHANGHAI, KOBE AND  
YOKOHAMA ..... TONKIN,  
CHARTERED. Jan. 1, about 6 P.M.

MARSEILLES, Via Ports AUSTRALIEN, ALLIANCE, Jan. 2, at 1 P.M.

TRANSITING on the Co's Steamers at SINGAPORE (K. BATAVIA, at COLOMBO for  
CALCUTTA, BOMBAY and AUSTRALIA, at PORT SAID for the LEVANT, CONSTANTINOPLE  
and BLACK SEA.Through Tickets to LONDON, via PARIS, from £27.10 up to £71.10. 30 hours  
salvage from MARSEILLES to LONDON. Interpreters meet passengers on their arrival in  
MARSEILLES.

For further particulars apply to:

P. THOMAS, Agent,

QUEEN'S BUILDING.

## DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LD.

HONGKONG-SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS.

HIGHEST-Class, fastest and most luxurious Steamers on the Coast, having  
splendid Accommodation for First-Class Passengers. Electric Light. Excellent  
Cuisine.FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW  
AND RETURN.

(Occupying 9 to 10 Days).

SHANGHAI ..... CAPTAIN ..... LEAVING.

SHANGHAI ..... Capt. W. C. Passmore ..... FRIDAY, 29th Dec., at 11 A.M.

FOR SWATOW AND RETURN.

(Occupying 3 Days)

Steamers will arrive at, and depart from, the Company's Wharf  
near Blake Pier.

For Freight and Passage, apply to:

DOUGLAS, LAFRAIK &amp; CO.,

General Managers.

PHILIPPINES STEAM-  
SHIP Co.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Shipping Date
MASS	4,000	S. C. Coker	Manila, Singapore	Saturday
SAVINO	4,000	M. C. Smith	Manila, Singapore	Dec. 30, at 4 p.m.

For Freight and Passage, apply to:

Shewan, Tomes &amp; Co., General Managers.

## Shipping

## THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.

REGULAR SERVICE FROM HONGKONG TO

VANCOUVER, B.O., SEATTLE & PORTLAND (Or.),  
via SHANGHAI and JAPAN PORTS.

Carrying Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to all Overland Common Points.

STEAMER	Tons	Captain	OR OR ABOUT
SUVERIO	8,000		9th January.

To be followed by other steamers of the Company at regular intervals.  
The BANK LINE Steamers are of the Newest Design, have most Com-  
modious Accommodation, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light and  
Wireless Telegraphy.

Special Parcel Express to American and Canadian Points.

Will call at AMOY and KEELUNG if sufficient inducement offers.

For Rates of Freight or Passage apply to

THE BANK LINE, LIMITED,

KING'S BUILDING, PRINCE CENTRAL.

Telephone No. 780.

## INDIAN AFRICAN LINE.

CARGO carried on through Bills of Lading from HONGKONG to BEIRA,  
DELAGOA BAY, DURBAN (NATAL), EAST LONDON, PORT ELIZABETH  
and CAPE TOWN with transhipment at COLOMBO to steamers of the Indian  
African Line.

NEXT SAILING.

FROM HONGKONG. FROM COLOMBO.

23rd December. 17th January.

For Rates and further information, apply to

THE BANK LINE, LIMITED,

(MANAGING AGENTS)

Hongkong, April 1, 1911.

## CONFERENCE-WEIR LINE.

REGULAR SERVICE FROM CALCUTTA TO RIVER PLATE.

The Steamers of this Service provide Quickest transit from the Orient to the  
Argentine.Cargo carried on Through Bills of Lading from Hongkong to River Plate Ports  
transhipping to Conference-Weir Line steamers at Calcutta.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.

FROM HONGKONG. FROM CALCUTTA.

Frequent Sailings. End December. End January.

For Rates of Freight and further particulars apply to

THE BANK LINE, LIMITED,

MANAGING AGENTS.

## New Line of Steamers

TO

South African Ports.

## ORIENTAL AFRICAN LINE

REGULAR Direct Service from Japan, China, and Straits to Beira, Delagoa Bay,  
Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth and Cape Town, calling at Mauritius  
if sufficient inducement offers, and affording the Quickest Freight Transport from the  
Orient to South Africa.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.

S.S. DUNERIG, 3,000 tons.....To be despatched End of January.

S.S. KATANGA, 5,600 tons.....To Follow.

And regularly thereafter.

For Rates of Freight or regularly Passage apply to

THE BANK LINE, LIMITED,

Managing Agents

Hongkong, August 23, 1911.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,  
BREMEN.

## IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

For STEAMERS Tons To Sail

NAPLES, GENOA, ALGERS, PRINZ LUDWIG, WEDNESDAY,  
GIBRA/AL, SOUTHAMP, Capt. F. von Binzer, 10th Jan.,  
TON, ANTWERP & BREMEN. (18,600) at Noon.SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, BUELOW, THURSDAY,  
KOBE & YOKOHAMA, Capt. H. Formes, 23rd Dec.,  
(18,600)MANILA, YAP, ANGAUR, BAMA, PRINZ SIGISMUND, SATURDAY,  
RAJ, NEW GUINEA, BRISBANE, Capt. D. Lenz, 26th Dec.,  
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE. (6,000) 10 a.m.ROBE AND YOKOHAMA, FRINZ WALDEMAR, TUESDAY,  
Capt. E. Bremer, 9th Jan.,  
(4,100) Middle of January.

KUDAT AND SANDAKAN, BORNEO, Capt. F. Gumbell, (4,000)

All the steamers of the European line are fitted with Wireless Telegraphy. New  
System of Teletypes.

For further Particulars apply to

Norddeutscher Lloyd,

MELOHERS &amp; CO.,

General Agents, Hongkong &amp; China.

## Regal Boots

AND

Shoes

FOR SALE

AT REASONABLE

PRICES

THE SAVOY

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(Opposite Court House).

European Supervision

Moderate Prices

## Shipping

P. & O.  
Steam Navigation Co.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON 1912.

S.S. 'INDIA' (8,000 Tons)

CAPTAIN G. W. GORDON, R.N.R.

THIS THROUGH MAIL STEAMER FOR MARSEILLES AND LONDON  
DIRECT, WILL LEAVE HONGKONG ON MARCH 18th, 1912, CALLING  
AT STRAITS, COLOMBO, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES AND GIBRA/AL.  
AND IS DUE TO ARRIVE AT -

MARSEILLES

APRIL 13th.

LONDON

APRIL 20th.

The Accommodation in this Vessel is at the

entire disposal of Passengers from the Far East.

FARES TO LONDON:-

1st SALOON £71.10 SINGLE £108.14 RETURN.

2nd £48.8 £72.12

For Further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, September 1, 1911.

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THE EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN  
STEAMSHIP CO. LIMITED.

MAIL

SERVICE

TO AUSTRALIA.

MAIL SCHEDULE

(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION)

STEAMERS	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA
EMPIRE	Dec. 29.	Jan. 6th, at Noon.
ST. ALBANS	Jan. 12.	Feb. 3rd, at Noon.
EASTERN	Feb. 9.	Mar. 2nd, at Noon.
ALDENHAM	Feb. 23.	Mar. 16th, at Noon.

The above Steamers are fitted with Refrigerating Machinery, ensuring a plentiful  
supply of Ice, Fresh Provisions, etc., and are lighted throughout with Electricity.  
All State-Rooms have Electric Fans. A daily qualified Doctor and Stewardess are carried.  
For further particulars, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, November 2, 1911.

## FRESH ARRIVAL

BY APPOINTMENT

SPECIALLY SELECTED COLLECTIONS FOR THIS CLIMATE

IN AIR-TIGHT TINS.

SEEDSMEN AT ROYAL WARRANT SUTTONS SEEDS To His Majesty THE KING.

VEGETABLE, FLOWER £2.50, 5.00, 7.50, 10.00 each.

GRASS For Tennis Lawns \$4.00 each.

China Express Co.,

P. O. Box 350, 3, DUDDELL STREET Telephone No. 686.

Hongkong, August 15, 1911.

## DIRECT ROUTE TO AMERICA.

GREAT NORTHERN STEAMSHIP COMPANY

S.S. 'MINNESOTA'

Capacity 28,000 Tons. Length 630 Feet. Beam 73 1/2 Feet.

21,000 Tons Gross Register. 34,500 Tons Displacement.

EQUIPPED WITH WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

(CAPT. T. W. GARLICK).

SAILS FROM HONGKONG ON FRIDAY, February 2nd, at Noon.

SEATTLE via NAGASAKI, KOBE &amp; YOKOHAMA.

LUXURIOUS PASSENGER ACCOMMODATION - Suites and state-rooms (all  
outside rooms), Music room, Library, Smoking room, Nursery, Laundry, Telephone,  
etc.Direct connection at Seattle with Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railways  
for all points in the United States, Canada and Europe.Cabin passengers may travel by rail if desired between ports of Yokohama, Kobe  
and Nagasaki without extra charge.

For full information regarding freight or passage apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, PRINCE'S BUILDING.

Hongkong, November 1, 1911.

## THOS COOK &amp; SON.

TOURIST, STEAMSHIP & FORWARDING AGENTS,  
BANKERS, etc.

Head Office for the Far East: 18, DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

SHANGHAI, 2-3, YOOCHOW ROAD. YOKOHAMA, 32, WAKIN STREET.

TICKETS supplied to EUROPE by the principal STEAMSHIP LINES and  
TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

TOURS arranged to ALL PARTS of the World.

BAGGAGE collected, forwarded and insured at lowest rates.

LETTERS OF CREDIT and CIRCULAR NOTES ISSUED and CASHED.

FOREIGN MONIES exchanged.

HEAD OFFICE - LUDGATE CIRCUIS, LONDON, E.C.

Hongkong, April 4, 1906.

## THE CHINA MAIL, LTD.

UNDERTAKES

ALL SORTS OF ARTISTIC JOB-PRINTING

such as

INVITATION CARDS, MENUS, DANCE AND ENTERTAINMENT

PROGRAMMES, CIRCULARS, PAMPHLETS, BOOKS, PROFF-  
TUSES, WINE LIST, ETC., ETC., ETC.

Obtain quotations from

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European Supervision

Moderate Prices

## Notices to Consignees

AMERICAN &amp; MANCHURIAN LINE

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship

CAPTAIN J. A. SUTHERLAND

The above Port. Consignees of Cargo

are hereby informed that their Goods are

being landed at their risk into the Godowns

of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF

and Godown Co., Ltd., at KOWLOON, and

stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All Broken, Chafed, and Damaged Goods

are to be left in the Godowns, where they

will be examined on TUESDAY, 2nd Jan.,

1912, at 10 A.M.

All Claims must be presented within

fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here,

after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the

Goods have left the Godowns, and all

Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd

January, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SHEWAN, TOMES &amp; CO.

Hongkong, Dec. 27, 1911.

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## PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP

COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, JAPAN

PORTS &amp; SHANGHAI.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship

PERSIA.

The above-mentioned steamer having

arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby

notified to send in their Bills of Lading for

countersignature and to take immediate

delivery of cargo from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be

landed and stored at Consignees' risk and

expense.

Cargo remaining on board after THURSDAY,

December 28th, 1911, at 6 p.m. will

be landed at consignees' risk and expense and

delivery must then be taken from Com-  
pany's Godown.

Cargo remaining undelivered on THURSDAY,

2nd January, 1912, at Noon, will

be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be

effected.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo

will be examined at the above Company's

godown on SATURDAY, December 30th,

1911, at 10 A.M.

# COCOA

D. & M. GROOTES BROTHERS WESTZAAN  
(HOLLAND).

ESTABLISHED 1825

This PURE SOLUBLE DUTCH  
COCOA

Supplied to the Royal Courts of Holland and Austria.  
ABSOLUTELY PURE.  
Recommended by the Medical Faculty for its Digestive Qualities.

ECONOMICAL (Quarter pound Tin makes twenty-five breakfast cups).

SPECIALLY ADAPTED FOR INVALIDS.

Recognised by THIRTY-EIGHT Medals and EIGHT Honourable Mentions.

Packed in one pound, half-pound and quarter pound Tins.

FOR SALE AT ALL STORES,

AND AT

Messrs SINCERE & CO.  
and WING ON & CO.

Ask for GROOTES' COCOA!!!

30 cents per 1/4 pound tin.

SAMPLE tins FREE.

ON APPLICATION TO

MacEwen, Frickel & Co.,

4, DES VŒUX ROAD,

Sole Agents for South China.

## Chs. J. GAUPP & Co.

BEG TO INVITE INSPECTION OF THEIR

NEW SEASON'S GOODS.

Extra Fine Diamond Jewellery A Specialty.

INEXPENSIVE MODERN ART JEWELLERY.

ENGLISH MOUNTED CHINESE JADE JEWELLERY.

Gold Bracelet Watches in great variety.

MAPPIN & WEBB'S STERLING SILVER  
AND LEATHER GOODS.

CLOCKS & TIME PIECES OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.

To-day's Advertisements

SHIPPING

G. R.

STAMP OFFICE NOTIFICATION

THE SPECIAL STAMPS FOR BILLS

ON EXCHANGE ARE NOW ON SALE

on requisition at the Stamp Office.

The 5 Cent Stamp will continue to be

on Sale without requisition at the General

Post Office as well as at the Stamp Office.

A. M. THOMSON,

Treasurer, etc.

Hongkong, December 28, 1911. 1683

KOWLOON CRICKET

CLUB.

Children's Sports

NEW YEAR'S DAY,

AT 2.30 P.M.

Kowloon, December 28, 1911. 1682

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received Instructions

to Sell by Public Auction,

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

on

WEDNESDAY,

the 3rd January, 1912, at 2.30 P.M., at

their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, DES VŒUX

ROAD, Corner of Ice House Street,

A LARGE QUANTITY OF

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD

FURNITURE,

Including 2 Drawing Room Suites, 1

Dining Room Suite, 2 Rolled-top Desks, 3

Copied Presses; And

3 Rubber-tyred Rickshaws.

Terms: As usual.

HUGHES & HUGHES,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 28, 1911. 1681

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, December 28, 1911.

On London Bank Wire... 1/10

On demand... 1/10

On 30 days sight... 1/10

On 4 months sight... 1/10

Credit, 4 months sight... 1/10

On 30 days sight... 1/10

On demand... 2/4

Credit, 4 months sight... 2/3

On demand... 1/10

On 30 days sight... 1/10

On demand... 1/10

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ARRIVALS.

December 27.

Livian, British str., 1,950, C. Williams,

Shanghai Dec. 24, General—Butterfield

& Swire.

Drigo Maru, Japanese str., 2,798, K.

Kobayashi, Wakamatsu Dec. 21, Coal—

M. B. G. K.

December 28.

Choyang, British steamer, 1,424, M.

Courtney, Shanghai Dec. 24, and Swatow

General—JARDINE, MATTHEWS & Co.

Lo.

Canada Maru, Japanese str., 3,750, K.

Hori, Thomas and Shanghai Dec. 25, Flour

and General—O. S. K.

Dojo Maru, Japanese steamer, 846, H.

Murayama, Tamsui, via Amoy and Swatow

Dec. 27, General—O. S. K.

Hatching, British steamer, 1,263, W. C.

Pasmore, Swatow December 27, General—

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO. LD.

Tingyung, British str., 1,043, J. Mc-

Gillies, Wakanu Dec. 25, Coal—

J. J. W. MATTHEWS & Co. LD.

Yuen Maru, Japanese steamer, 2,329,

Horio, Miki Dec. 22, Coal—M. B. K.

Shibetsu Maru, Japanese str., 2,478, H.

S. Kuroki, Miki Dec. 22, Coal—O. S. K.

Chennu, British str., from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

December 28.

Michael Jebel, for Swatow and Saigon.

Genfalloch, for Amoy.

Tian, for Kuching and Vancouver.

Derwent, for Swatow.

Nippon, for Swatow and Amoy.

Onyang, for Chingwan.

Katung, for Singapore and Calcutta.

Linan, for Canton.

Dylopa, for Manila and Liverpool.

Bulmuth, for Tarakan.

Uir, for Canton.

CLEAR.

Carl Diederichsen, for Baiphong.

Phuapang, for Bangkok.

Wakamatsu Maru, for Wakamatsu.

Choyang, for Canton.

Chennu, for Saigon.

Tamari Maru No. 6, for Miki.

Robinson, for Takao.

Yuen Maru, for Miki.

Chennu, for Shanghai.

Hongmoh, for Amoy and Singapore.

PASSENGERS EXPECTED.

Per Livian, from Shanghai, Mr. Matland.

Per Choyang, from Shanghai, Mrs. Ward

and Mrs. Davis.

Per Canada Maru, from Tacoma, Mr.

Messrs A. A. Cook and P. Palmer.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Choyang, from

Swatow reports: Moderate N.E. wind,

clear weather.

The British steamer Choyang, from

Swatow reports: Moderate N.E. breeze

and overcast, showery.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL

Register.

FLYING MACHINES IN WAR.

That the great Powers are fully alive

to the important part which aeroplanes

and dirigible balloons will play in the war-

fare of the future is illustrated by the in-

ventions which are being made to invent a

gun which could be used against aerial

enemies. Indeed, it is no exaggeration to

say that there is a fortune awaiting the

artillery expert who can produce a weapon

capable of destroying an aeroplane, no

matter how quickly or at what height it

is travelling.

According to the Field both Germany

and France have been partly successful in

inventing guns which are proving effective

weapons against aeroplanes. Krupp has

turned out a gun with a small bore that

takes a light projectile, which, it is said,

can be fired quickly enough to plant a

bullet in an aeroplane, even if it is flying at

the rate of 100 miles an hour. The barrel

is comparatively long, so that a high initial

velocity and a low trajectory are obtained.

Tolerance, sight, and a range finder are

provided; the latter fitted with an arrange-

ment which gives the necessary elevation

as the distance is read off. During last

year's French manoeuvres a special gun was

used, the invention of Captain Bousquet,

in addition to a mitrailleuse so modified

that it could be elevated at a high angle

and fired from an automobile. Further, a

combined shrapnel and ordinary shell has

been introduced for use against aircraft.

So far, however, the effects of artillery

fire against balloons have been disappoint-

ing. Captive balloons, which were patently

until they are hit, have, indeed, been

brought down; but if hit they were not

necessarily placed hors de combat. During

the Boer war only one case occurred of a

balloon being hit. A shrapnel shell, at a

range of about 600 yards, burst in front of

it and made sixty-eight holes, but the

balloon took twenty minutes to come down

and was subsequently repaired.

With regard to the use of the aeroplane

in warfare, the Field has some interesting

remarks to make.

In the opinion of the man on the

ground the chief function of the aeroplane

in flight would seem to be the dropping of

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WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the

Hongkong Observatory:

On the 28th at 12.10 p.m.—Pressure has

increased slightly over China, and given

way moderately in N.E. Japan.

A shallow depression lies over the latter

area, while the anticyclone is still central

over the continent to the North of the

Yangtze valley.

Fresh to strong monsoon will continue

to prevail along the coast and over the

China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours

ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.03 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon

to-morrow:—

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: